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## Stars, Stripes Transfer Laid To Muzzling

SAIGON (AP) — The civilian Vietnam bureau chief of the military newspaper Stars and Stripes said today he has been reassigned because of a dispute with the U.S. command over alleged censorship and news management.

Pat Luminello, 38, said the action stemmed from statements attributed to him in an article that was written by another Stars and Stripes staffer and has not yet been published.

But Luminello said he considered the article "just a device" being used by the military "to get at me for other things."

He said the instigator of the action was Army Col. William V. Koch, editor in chief of the paper's Pacific edition and formerly a member of the U.S. Headquarters information staff in Saigon.

Koch, whose office in Tokyo, confirmed today that Luminello will be reassigned to the editorial department there on April 10. But he claimed the change had nothing to do with Luminello's reporting from South Vietnam.

Koch said Luminello, with half a dozen men working under him in Saigon, handled mostly administrative duties and had few bylined articles in the paper.

Luminello's tour of duty in Vietnam would have ended in May and the paper was just making the change one month early, Koch said. He added that he had not yet decided on a replacement.

The Stars and Stripes is an "authorized unofficial" publication of the U.S. military and has a circulation in the Far East of about 250,000 copies a day. Its staff includes both civilian and military personnel.